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DUNLOP FOR LEAGUE?

Dunlop Footwear has become one of the front runners to take over the sponsorship of the Australian Soccer League.

Marketing manager Terry Seacy confirmed this week that his company was considering the idea.

"The money is

available," he said, "but it's certain pre-conditions which have to be met before we agree."

Meanwhile, the allegedly "fierce" opposition to the summer-soccer schedule is fast crumbling.

Marconi, who were reported last week in the Press to be considering breaking away from the League, are doing nothing of the kind.

Soccer President Tony Labbozetta said in a TV interview last weekend that his club would fully accept the majority decision and throw their complete support behind the venture.

And that is precisely what we expect to happen in Leichhardt and Olympic as well.

SAINTS PLAN TOURNAMENT

St. George have received permission from the ASF to stage a major international tournament in January-February, 1982.

The Saints will celebrate their 25th anniversary and want to do it in style.

The Hungarian national team looks certain to be one of their guests while the other visiting side will be either Yugoslavia or Vojvodina, a leading Yugoslav club team.

Manager Frank Arok may visit Hong Kong and Indonesia shortly to arrange further matches for the Europeans after their Australian tour.

Arok said this week he was hoping to have, as the fourth team of the Sydney tournament, a Mediterranean XI, drawn from local Italian, Greek and Yugoslav players.

He said he was also

hopeful that Hungary and Yugoslavia or Vojvodina would play in a similar tournament in Melbourne as guests of Melbourne Hungaria — also 25 years old in January.

The Hungarian FA has already agreed to send out its national team in 1982.

The Yugoslavs will decide later this week.

Yugoslavia's manager Milan Mijanovic, an old friend of Arok, will recommend the visit — but it depends on that country's 1982 World Cup preparations whether they can accept.

The Saints also plan a series of other events as part of their quarter century celebrations.

By that time, they hope, they may be back in the National League, too...

Memories of the "good old days" should return to the Sportsground for Sunday's NSW Grand Final.

Premiers Croatia and St. George should stage a dramatic battle and, in

the process, produce a 10,000 — plus crowd.

Croatia have not lost a single match since their Ampol Cup semifinal defeat to Polonia.

They have met the Saints three times this year — for two wins and

a draw.

So they are entitled to start as favorites.

But the NSW Grand Final has been often the graveyard of favorites.

This applies especially to teams who go into the big match having skipped the need to play in the Final.

It will be interesting to see whether the week's rest will help or hinder Croatia's cause.

St. George came through last Sunday's game bruised but battle hardened, with their spirits restored.

Also restored in the team will be Ernie Campbell who has served a one-match suspension.

Still, the St. George fans will be looking to their prodigal son, Dez Merton, to pull another rabbit out of the hat.

This should be an exciting and high-standard match between two teams who are keen rivals for a berth in the ASL in 1982.

On their record, Croatia may just make it. But if the St. George

midfield clicks again, end up with the cherished trophy.

SLICKERS FOR LE PARADIS

Sydney City will be given a special reception by the Prime Minister... of New Caledonia, this is.

This, on September 22, will be one of the highlights of their brief "business holiday" to the neighbouring French colony.

The Slickers will play two matches in Noumea, one against the club team Jelima and the other against the national side.

In between and for a few days after that, they will enjoy all the pleasures of the island's famous Club Med.

OUR LAST ISSUE FOR THE YEAR

This is our last issue for 1981 and we would like to thank our loyal readers and advertisers for their support once again — our 24th year of publication.

The reason for our "early retirement" is simple: the domestic season will end on Sunday.

Following a two-week hiatus, the Youth World Cup will begin but, for technical and financial reasons, that would not warrant publishing further issues.

See you in 1982!



Croatia's Tom Steven (left) and St. George's Ernie Campbell lock horns at last Monday night's Rothmans dinner, showing quite some contrast in hairstyle. On Sunday in the NSW Grand Final they will again come to grips — this time without the friendly smile.

CROATIA ALL OUT TO KEEP RECORD INTACT

PHILIPS LEAGUE

FINAL TABLE

	FINAL TABLE	AGGREGATE						HOME			AWAY				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	+	P	P	W	D	L	F	
1. SYDNEY CITY	30	19	5	6	59	30	+ 29	43	15	11	4	—	37	14	26
2. STH. MELBOURNE	30	13	13	4	41	27	+ 14	39	15	11	2	2	25	10	24
3. BRISBANE CITY	30	12	11	7	37	25	+ 12	35	15	9	4	2	24	9	22
4. LEICHARDT	30	12	11	7	39	33	+ 6	35	15	7	7	1	25	13	21
5. CANBERRA	30	13	7	10	41	32	+ 9	33	15	7	4	4	27	17	18
6. BRISBANE LIONS	30	11	8	41	33	+ 8	33	33	15	9	4	2	23	10	22
7. ADELAIDE CITY	30	13	6	11	46	42	+ 4	32	15	9	2	4	22	13	20
8. HEIDELBERG	30	12	7	11	48	40	+ 8	31	15	6	4	5	19	16	18
9. OLYMPIC	30	11	9	10	46	46	—	31	15	8	5	2	25	17	21
10. NEWCASTLE	30	11	8	11	41	41	—	30	15	5	5	5	25	17	15
11. WOLLONGONG	30	8	12	10	35	39	— 4	28	15	5	7	3	24	20	17
12. PRESTON	30	9	7	14	39	41	— 2	25	15	7	4	4	28	14	18
13. FOOTSCRAY	30	9	7	14	32	48	— 16	25	15	7	5	3	21	14	19
14. MARCONI	30	9	7	14	23	45	— 22	25	15	6	3	6	16	20	15
15. BLACKTOWN	30	6	9	15	32	47	— 15	21	15	3	4	8	17	25	10
16. WEST ADELAIDE	30	5	4	21	26	57	— 31	14	15	4	3	8	16	23	11

But if the St. George



2 TO 6

IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

In the second division final premiers Dee Why and Mt Druitt played a tough, tight match. The teams were very even and the fulltime score produced no goals. Extra time brought more relaxed soccer with Dee Why scoring in the second minute through Ken Nalam. Five minutes later a goal by M. Manning equalised for Mt Druitt. After 110 minutes of playing the match was decided on penalties — and in this department Dee Why were the sterner. In third grade Premiers Baulkham Hills beat Liverpool Albion 2-0 with Craig McKew and Damien Lairier getting the vital goals. The second grade match was a fairly peaceful affair ending in a 1-1 draw and Mt Druitt finally won the trophy on penalties.

Bondi Marine (3rd div.) is the champion of the division having defeated the premiers Kingsford 1-0 in the final. The goal scored from the penalty spot by the captain Dave McAuland came in the 40th minute of the first half. This game was very even and was marked by excessive physical play and a good number of cautions. Kingsford, who had one player, Les Waddoch, taken off the field badly injured, had a few good scoring chances that did not eventuate. In the first half George Kostakis was alone with the goalkeeper but his shot at goal went high over the bar. On the other hand Bondi could have increased the lead when, in the second half, a bullet like shot was brilliantly saved by the goalkeeper. Bondi must feel very proud in that the side came alive towards the end of the season defeating all the leaders in turn and finishing 4th on the table. This final game, which was thought to be played on Sunday, was actually played on Saturday at Arlaman Reserve where the ground was not prepared and no canteen facilities were made available.

West Holroyd (4th div.) having won promotion by finishing second, added the championship trophy to its achievements by defeating Fairfield West 3-2 in the final. Holroyd fully deserved the win and was 2-1 up when in the 5th minute of injury time, Fairfield clinched the equaliser. Fairfield West started the game on top and looked like causing an upset. In the 11th minute a corner kick was delivered into a Holroyd crowded defence and a shot from only 3 metres hit a defender's knee and went into play safely. Ten minutes later Robert Gray took a freekick from centre over the defence line and the ball finished with two forwards running towards the goal. George Selby pushed the ball under the goalkeeper for 0-1 lead. The pressure on West Holroyd was strongly maintained until the dying minutes of the first half when Emmanuel Melik, playing/manager for Holroyd came on as substitute; after the interval, Fairfield scored again but this time it was ruled offside. After that it was all Holroyd and the attacks became more persistent while the Wests defence became dispirited and was easily penetrated. In the 75th minute a corner kick taken by Emmanuel Melik from the right — dropped high near the goalline and Wests goalkeeper trying to flick it over the bar, pushed the ball into the net. Only two minutes later a through ball was received by

Rodney Cook and from 30 metres out he scored. The ball went under the stretched arms of the diving goalkeeper. The equaliser for Fairfield, scored by Neil Burrows, came out of a goal mouth scramble. In the extra time Holroyd grabbed the lead with a winning goal scored by Bob Harris from 25 metres. Wests goalkeeper Andy Greenfield played brilliantly and prevented his club from humiliating.



Sydney referee Tim Davies — the hot favorite to be voted the Referee of the Year in October.

Postponed match:

Leichhardt v. Marconi 1-1

Leichhardt: Woodhouse, McAuland, Wilson, Pullen, Skellern, Mackie, Butler, Kafka, Soper (Morsello 65m), Hughes, O'Connor.

Marconi: Maher, Degney, Mariani, Prakalo, Tomasich, Krnecic, Byrne, Johnston, Sharpe, Henderson, Jankovics.

Goals: 1-0 Soper (20m) 1-1

Mariani (75m).

Referee: S. Melinga; Crowd: 8,500.

Leichhardt's first ever game at Leichhardt Oval — the sacred home of Thugby League — drew a very good crowd for the "Italian derby."

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WHY THE SILENCE ON CUP?

With the advent of the Youth World Cup less than a month away very little information concerning the Canberra matches and teams has been publicised locally.

This is despite the fact that this Youth World Cup has been billed as the "greatest sporting event in Australia" since the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

It could turn out to be a great sporting non-event.

Most of the information gleaned has come from the ranks of dedicated soccer supporters but many fringe soccer fans and general sports enthusiasts are still blissfully unaware of the impending smorgasbord of top international soccer.

While the Coca-Cola company and the ASF quibble about who is responsible for advance publicity the minutes are ticking away.

Now is the time for the "Kickaburra" and his attendant gadgets and gimmicks to be backed by a concerted hard sell publicity drive or else this fiesta of football will coast in and drift out of Canberra — and, indeed, Australia — without the spectator interest of which it is deserving.

— Peter Kunz

FROM THE PRESS BOX

It hasn't been a really vintage year. When the chroniclers of the game in a few years look back to 1981, they will see turmoil, failures, controversies, deep schisms and even deeper doubts about soccer's future.

Some people feel that all our problems stem from the flop of the Socceroos last May in the World Cup.

That, regrettably, is an over-simplification. True, the current atmosphere would be healthier and more cheerful if the Socceroos were halfway through to Spain but it wouldn't alter some of the more fundamental shortcomings.

The Socceroos failed because the ASF woke up far too late to the fact that Rudi Gutendorf was a poor choice for national coach.

In almost three years and despite an expenditure of a staggering \$600,000 or so, Gutendorf has failed to find the right players, shape the right team and create the ideal team spirit.

Now he is gone — and we can forever lick our wounds, holding lengthy postmortems over the ruins.

In its fifth season, with membership bloated to 16 teams, the initial fascination of the PSL has started to wear off.

Crowds began to thin out; teams which a couple of years ago were enjoying a boom — Canberra, Newcastle, West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Marconi, etc — were losing heavily.

It was no surprise that an increasing number of "reform ideas" began to surface.

One of them, a switch of seasons, has been adopted thus creating the biggest rumpus in the game's turbulent history.

Opponents of the scheme carried on as though the intention was to play the 1982-83 season at high noon in the Sahara and set out to incite not just resistance but an open rebellion among States and clubs.

Much of the flak fell on Australian Soccer Federation Marketing which, during 1981, has become the real power behind the throne, with Rik Booth depicted as Arthur George's Rasputin.

But he is nothing of the kind. Booth and his very small task force have been trying to "sell" an extremely difficult, heterogeneous product to a largely unsympathetic world.

If some people in soccer feel disappointed with their results, Booth and the whole ASFM must be even more disappointed with soccer itself.

Soccer, in Australia, is not a compact product with its own clear-cut identity: it is a hybrid, a polyglot mish-mash and a combination of ancestral dreams, personal vanities, nationalistic prides and hair-raisingly poor planning and financing.

The game has always been its worst enemy in this country and, one suspects, will remain just that, largely ignored by a bemused or indifferent populace.

What makes its task even more difficult is that in our increasingly leisure-oriented society with a proliferation of "amusement" outlets, football, as such, is rapidly losing its crowd appeal.

The sin — if any — of the ASFM hierarchy is not that they couldn't halt these trends — but that they hardly recognise them.

But it's an ageing hierarchy largely void of new supplies of energy and fresh ideas, tinkering with meaningless details while basic issues are overlooked.

Now, in a few weeks time, a most disappointing year will come to an end with what was conceived as a tremendously exciting event, the World Youth Cup.

One has the terrible suspicion — and has had it for many months now — that this, instead of being a superb festival of the world's youth, will at worst turn into a monumental flop, at best into a provincial affair, a sort of juvenile gymkhana.

A proper organising committee — in deed, not in theory — has never emerged and the baby may be lost between some of the incompetent midwives.

There has been no promotion and publicity on a large scale; there is no "atmosphere," not even a joyous expectation among the fans — let alone the general public.

We know from personal experience that even in the most meticulously planned and brilliantly staged World Cups many things can and do go wrong; here all the planning has been haphazard, amateurish and naive.

It will be a very rare, precious miracle if the World Youth Cup goes off smoothly and successfully without myriad of daily problems, complaints from teams and pressmen, and eventually worldwide ridicule.

— Andrew Detre

PHILIPS

OUR TEAM OF '81

MAHER
(Marconi)

RUSSELL
(Adelaide City)

OLLERTON
(Preston)

WILSON
(Leichhardt)

DAVIDSON
(Sth. Melbourne)

SOUNESS
(Sydney City)

COLE
(Canberra)

JOVANOVIC
(Footscray)

WATSON
(Sydney City)

KOSMINA
(Sydney City)

TREDINNICK
(Wollongong)

Goalie:
A. Maher (Marconi)
He certainly cannot be blamed for his team's fall from grace: time and time again he saved them from defeat. Maher is the steadiest keeper with the best reflexes and positioning.
Others considered: Crook, Laumets, Woodhouse.



Centre midfield:
D. Cole (Canberra). Often striding the parks as a giant, he brilliantly orchestrated the explosive Canberra attack. Cole is mobile and competitive, a truly modern midfielder — as New Zealand must well know...
Others considered: Adam (Wollongong), Northcote (Adcity), Pimbblett (Bris. City).



Left wing:
P. Tredinnick (W'gong). One of the most polished strikers, he also has tremendous speed with the ball and a fine sense of positioning. His crosses zoom in with pinpoint accuracy and he has a sweet left foot shot, too.
Others considered: Jennings (Olympic), Boden (Sydney City), Lujic (Footscray).



Central striker:
J. Kosmina (Syd. City). After a couple of messy years, Kosmina bounced back to his brilliant earlier form. He is dynamic, an excellent shielder of the ball and an ideal partner for combinative play.
Others considered: Cole (Heidelberg), P. Wilkinson (Bris. City), Evans (Sth. Melbourne).

THE CREAM OF YOUTH

If there was one positive sign in an otherwise disappointing year, it was the emergence of a good crop of youthful talent in the PSL teams.

Some, despite their youth, have been playing in top soccer for a few years while others emerged from obscurity during the 1981 season.

A few — like Blair, Katholos, Raskopoulos and Mitchell — even reached the Socceroo status, possibly a trifle prematurely.

But they all have enormous potential and, together with other youngsters certain to appear on the scene, hold a brighter future for Australian soccer.

This is our Young Australia team for 1981:

1. P. Wilson (Olympic)
2. R. Wheatley (Blacktown)
3. S. Blair (Sth Melbourne)
4. A. Bertogna (Wollongong)
5. H. Tredinnick (Newcastle)
6. P. Raskopoulos (Olympic)
7. P. Katholos (Olympic)
8. J. Patikas (Sydney City)
9. D. Mitchell (Adelaide City)
10. M. Koussas (Olympic)
11. C. Low (Brisbane Lions)

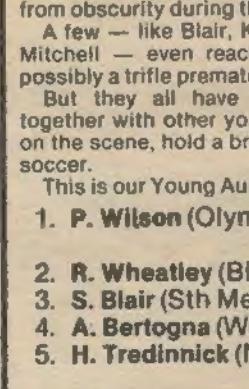
Others considered: Gomez (Sydney City), Soper, Carter (Leichhardt), Calderon (Marconi), Matsopoulos (Canberra), Stamp (Newcastle), Daunt (Lions), Villani, Manou (Adel. City), Kyriakouleas, Kakantonis, Belic (Footscray), Yankos (Heidelberg), Vincenzino (Brisbane City).

PRIZE TO SOUNESS
Ian Souness of Sydney City won the rich Daily Mirror-Presto "Superstar" award for the best PSL player of the year.
His prize is a free trip to England with all expenses paid plus a week's coaching stint with Nottingham Forest under the

Right fullback:
B. Russell (Adcity). This former Croatia (Sydney) youngster has developed enormously in Adelaide and has become a top attacking fullback with a good distribution.
Others considered: McMillan, V. Bannon, Ontong.



Left midfield:
Z. Jovanovic (Footscray). A typical polished European stylist, this far from robust player often set the rhythm of his team. Blessed with excellent skills, his main strength was in creating attacking opportunities.
Others considered: Byrne (Marconi), O'Donnell (Blacktown), J. O'Shea (Canberra).



Right wing:
J. Watson (Syd. City). This tiny Scot was possibly the most skilful PSL player; superb control, deceptive runs and crosses with millimetric precision into the goalmouth were his trademark.
Others considered: O'Connor (Leichhardt), Brennan (Canberra), Cullen (Preston).



Freeback:
P. Ollerton (Preston). He had a tremendous influence on his team. Occasionally he played up front, scoring a handful of goals but usually he directed operations from the back with an amazing degree of aplomb.
Others considered: Spanos (Sydney City), Zeros (Olympic), Byrne (Canberra).



Right midfield:
I. Souness (Syd. City). This former Chelsea junior played with incredible energy and zest tackling, distributing and attacking non-stop. In between he smashed home some of the most unforgettable goals.
Others considered: Gaffney (Bris. City), Selemidis (Heidelberg), Hogg (Lions).

world famous Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.
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TEAM OF ROUND 30

JAMES (Blacktown)	WHEATLEY (Blacktown)	P. WILSON (Leichhardt)	K. WILSON (Olympic)	YANKOS (Heidelberg)
SOUNESS (Sydney City)	BYRNE (Marconi)	SELEMIDES (Heidelberg)		
WATSON (Sydney City)	KRNCEVIC (Marconi)	CAMPBELL (Heidelberg)		

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ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
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HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	1-2 2-0 3-1	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-0	★	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	2-3	1-0	0-1	0-3		
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MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-4 1-0 0-1	1-1	2-1	0-2	1-3	3-1	0-2	★	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0 5-0 2-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	2-1	4-1	1-0	★	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-3	1-0		
NEWCASTLE KB	2-2 4-2 1-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	3-0	1-2	4-1	2-0	0-0	★	4-0	1-2	1-2	1-1		
PRESTON RAMS	3-0 2-0 2-3	1-1	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-2	3-1	0-0	1-1	3-1	★	3-1	0-2	6-0		
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Soccer Terms explained:
No. 12



Throw-in.

When the ball crosses the side touch-line, it is "thrown" back into play by a player from the team opposing that of the player who last touched it. The thrower must face the field of play with both feet on or outside the touch-line, and "throw-in" the ball with both hands from behind and over his head.

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THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Rumors have it that Blacktown's Yugoslav import Djordjevic will switch to Marconi — in exchange for two yet unnamed players.

Ten of the Marconi players' contracts up for renewal — and some are certain to be disappointed.

Peter Sharpe is going to the USA soon

to try his luck but Eddie Krnecvic seems to have changed his mind and will stay put.

A \$2,000 challenge has been made by Footscray, and accepted by Preston for home and away matches on the 20th at Preston and 27th at Footscray. It is rumoured that Footscray's two new signings from Yugoslavia will be seen in action, and could be worth a look.

Westad coach, Peter Jaksa: "Today's performance proves that we are capable of winning the Phillips Cup next week against Lions."

Brisbane City of-

ficials were frantic to get scores of other games last Sunday to determine their position on the league ladder. As it was, the failure of Lions and Leichhardt enabled Gladiators to finish in their spot — their best effort since the PSL started.

Dunlop Footwear have offered to distribute 3,000 World Youth Cup posters to sports stores throughout Australia.

Preston's Peter Ollerton: "We could have won it. It was a satisfying match and I was pleased that our players tried so hard in the second half."

PSL TOP SCORERS

COLE (Heidelberg)	16 (1 pen.)
EVANS (St. Melbourne)	14 (1 pen.)
BODEN (Sydney City)	12 (1 pen.)
SOPER (Leichhardt)	12
SOUNESS (Sydney City)	12 (1 pen.)
WILKINSON (Brisbane City)	12
BARNES (Sydney City)	11
KOSMINA (Sydney City)	11
OUSSAS (Olympic)	10 (1 pen.)
OLLERTON (Preston)	9
MITCHELL (Adelaide City)	9 (1 pen.)
VALERI (Canberra)	9
WILLIAMSON (Lions)	9



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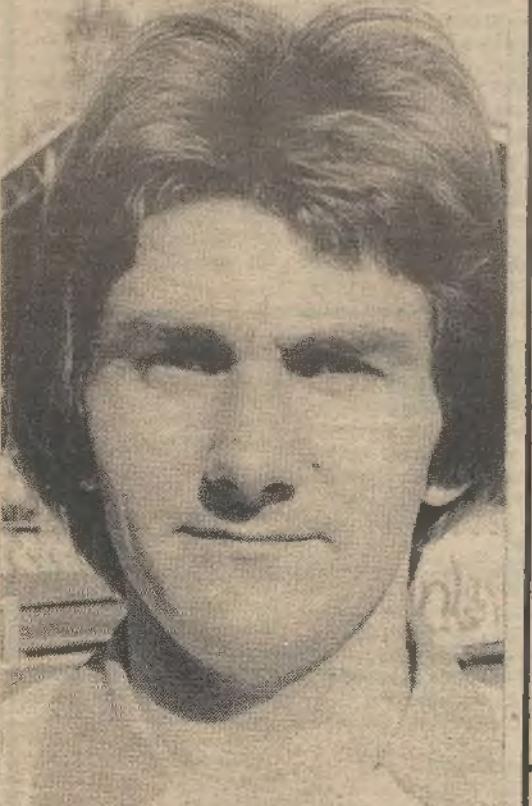
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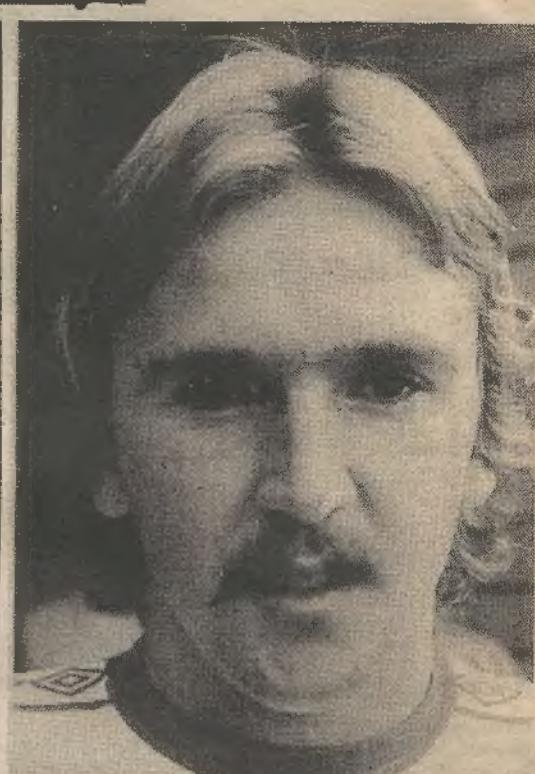
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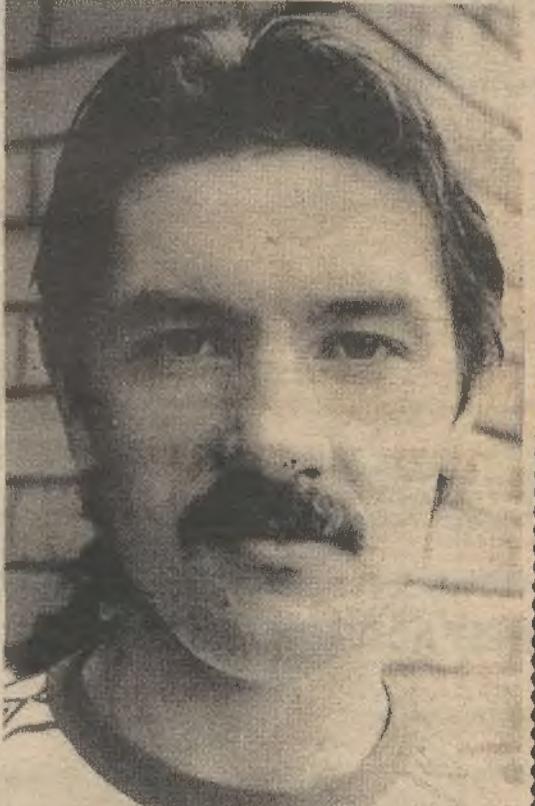
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TIM BROWN

LIONS TO WIN

Despite poker faced denials it must be obvious that the ASF would have preferred two different teams for the Philips Cup Final in Canberra.

Brisbane Lions, even after an excellent season, are not a major drawcard while West Adelaide's horror year ended in relegation.

Ah, for a South Melbourne v. Sydney City or, even better, Canberra v. South Melbourne clash.

But it's not to be; therein lies the eternal

fascination of cup tournaments.

Very cleverly, the ASF-PSL have combined the Cup Final with Canberra's traditional International Food and Wine Festival, to be held at Bruce Stadium.

And if soccer isn't enough of a magnet for the people of Canberra, perhaps the Lucullan feast which awaits them at the various stalls will do the trick.

Lions will start off as very firm favorites; their team is compact,

organised and balanced.

Their defence is among the best in the country while up front the experience of Williamson and the exuberant talents of Daunt and Low usually produce a few goals.

Lions will try to win the Cup if for no other reason than to shut up their Brisbane rivals, City — who have won the thing twice already.

We expect Brisbane Lions to win, possibly by the odd goal.

REFEREE: CHRIS BAMBRIDGE.

Linesmen: Don Campbell, Jack Johnston.

SCOREBOARD

OLYMPIC v. WOLLONGONG 2-1 (0-1)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Akoutass (3)	Wilson (4)	Zeros (3)	Scott (3)
Raskopoulos (4)	Katholas (4)	Townson (3)	
Redfern (3)	Kousass (3)	Jennings (4)	
Tredinnick (4)	Bertogna (3)	Campbell (3)	
Lathan (3)	McBreen (3)	Adam (3)	
Ainsworth (3)	Fleming (3)	Dunleavy (3)	Willis (3)
		Vardareff (4)	

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Replacement: Laing (46m) for Townson.
Goals: Campbell (18m), 1-1 Zeros (pen, 70m), 2-1 Raskopoulos (84m).
Referee: R. Lorenc — Crowd: 4,500 — Cautions: Willis, McBreen, Tredinnick.

Sydney Olympic by no means played their most attractive football of the season, but their urgency always gave one the feeling that they would take both points and provide their fans with a much prized end of season parting gift.

Their attacks in the first half were much more fluid and carefully thought out, whereas Wollongong tended to rely on the ferreting of Campbell and Bertogna.

It was the Wolves, however, who took the lead after 18 minutes when the Olympic defence got itself into an almighty mess.

The normally solid Zeros misjudged the bounce of a 'hopeful' up-field lob from the

Wollongong backline, and gave Campbell that fraction of a second to control the ball and drive it past Wilson from the edge of the box.

Olympic's defence was often caught by the speed of Tredinnick but his crosses were usually well covered by Ken Wilson who had a masterful game in the blackline.

Zeros had some trouble with Bertogna, but in the final analysis came out on top, keeping the loping striker from doing much damage.

Young Olympic defender George Akoutass had a fine

URGENCY

debut, playing his way out of trouble rather than opting for the 'big boot', and showed an eagerness to get involved in several attacking moves.

Olympic kept plugging away with their dogged attitude and were rewarded with a penalty in the 70th minute.

A corner from the right saw the ball sail to the back of the goalmouth where a cluster of players leapt to meet the ball.

The ball seemed to bounce from several heads before looping towards the Wollongong goal where Willis, like a

leaping dolphin, tipped the ball over the crossbar with his hand.

Referee Lorenc duly awarded the penalty and Zeros calmly drilled his shot along the ground and under the lunging Vardareff for the equaliser.

An 84th minute foul produced a freekick from goal, giving Raskopoulos a rare strike at the ball — which he took perfectly.

The dummy run from Katholas produced — once again — no effect from the defensive wall but instead of slamming the ball, Raskopoulos sent a delightful dropping shot over the defenders and beyond Vardareff's reach.

— Paul James

FOOTSCRAY v NEWCASTLE 0-1 (0-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

O'Reilly (4)	Kyriakouleas (3)	Kondaros (4)	Hazabent (3)
Milne (3)	Kakantonis (3)	Jovanovic (4)	
Verweij (3)	Cozzella (3)	Lujic (4)	
Jones (3)	Heys (4)	Buckley (3)	
Senkalski (3)	Curren (3)	Stamp (3)	
Drinkwater (4)	Mason (3)	Tredinnick (4)	McClelland (4)
		Dando (3)	

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacements: Kamasz (45m) for Stamp, Iloski (72m) for Cozzella, Gosling (81m) for Buckley.
Goals: 0-1 Heys (50m).
Referee: S. Mellings — Crowd: 2,000 — Caution: Kyriakouleas.

Quite a carnival atmosphere at the pre-match entertainment that put us all in a happy mood, with Yugoslavian folk dancing and music.

Footscray opened up with some promising moves and were right on target at the 4th minute with a Kondaros header, only to be met by a great reflex save from Dando.

Newcastle replied in kind, but shots from McClelland and Stamp were well off target.

A. Senkalski's drive was intercepted at the 12th minute for a corner, and Footscray also gained a corner for McMillan to flick goalwards for Dando to push over.

A much better tactical battle was witnessed now that the game had

steadied and individual skills became apparent.

A left wing dash by Lujic in the 20th minute saw insufficient men up for the inevitable cross and a good chance went begging.

Col Curran took a fine 'free' in the 30th minute,

and showed that he has lost little of his talents with the dead-ball.

Johan Verweij had been very quiet, but he drew applause for a mighty ground shot which whizzed past the post in the 37th minute, with Dando stranded.

Seven minutes later Verweij laid a pass to the middle with Newcastle's defence spreadeading and the pass was not accepted.

A Newcastle attack by Stamp broke down through offside just on the halftime whistle.

Newcastle looked more efficient on the turn about, and Senkalski put Buckley in position for a shot in the 50th minute.

A fatal error by Boland saw the ever alert Heys nip in to benefit, and Newcastle were ahead.

CARNIVAL

WEST ADELAIDE v BRISBANE CITY 1-1 (0-1)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

McKie (4)	Topaz (5)	Crook (4)	
Honeyman (3)	McGregor (3)	Smythe (4)	
Stefanopoulos (3)	Lorenzoni (3)	Wright (4)	
Kelso (3)	P. Wilkinson (3)	Conner (4)	
Gaffney (3)	Hamilton (4)	Pimblett (4)	
B. Wilkinson (3)	Ratcliffe (5)	Dunne (4)	Caldwell (4)
		Wishart (4)	

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Kowalski (46m) for Stefanopoulos.
Goals: 0-1 P. Wilkinson (27m), 1-1 Forde (76m).
Referee: J. Rossis — Crowd: 1,500 — Cautions: Caldwell, Hamilton.

This game gave Westad a much needed confidence booster for Sunday's Philips Cup confrontation with Brisbane Lions.

It was, indeed, a meritorious effort to finish level with Brisbane City, the uncompromising unit which ended the league season in the commendable third spot.

Westad had Graham Honeyman and Shrags Topaz back from suspension and ex-St. Johnston striker Jimmy Wright reinstated to the starting line-up to add experience to the side which lost to Lions the previous week.

Former Israeli international Topaz gave Westad the defensive

solidity missing against Lions and he was ably supported by young Tom Forde who is maturing with each appearance.

Brisbane City looked formidable from the kick-off with giant strikers Paul Wilkinson and Barry Kelso interchanging cleverly with little Willie Conner.

However, it was Westad who got the ball into the net first when midfielder Vic Smythe smacked home a 20-metre drive in the 26th minute.

Instead of being a goal in front, Westad were a goal down just a minute later because their effort

was disallowed for offside and the Gladiators swept downfield from the freekick to earn instant success.

Paul Wilkinson notched the goal when he accepted a pass from Conner to belt the ball past Martyn Crook in the Westad goal.

It was a bitter blow for Westad, but to their eternal credit they fought back gallantly to stage a second half revival which was worthy of a Cup finalist.

Fittingly it was Westad's most dominant trio, Topaz, Wright and Forde who engineered the equaliser 14 minutes

from full time. Wright shoved a pass to Topaz who chipped the ball into the crowded goalmouth where Forde leapt high to glance it into the net.

With two minutes left defender Zoran Maricic almost grabbed a winner for Westad when he smashed a piledriver against the crossbar.

Apart from the excellent work of Topaz, Forde and Wright, Westad coach Peter Jaksa must also have been encouraged by the improved form of second half substitute Peter Kowalski.

There is also a chance that Greek international Con Kambas will be back for the Cup Final.

— Allan Crisp

BOOSTER

HEIDELBERG v LEICHHARDT 1-0 (1-0)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

McMillan (3)	Provan (3)	Oliver (3)	
Selemides (4)	Taylor (3)	Yzendoorn (3)	
Bozikas (3)	Cole (3)	Rooney (3)	
O'Connor (4)	Hughes (3)	Morsello (4)	
Butler (3)	Coyne (3)	Bradley (3)	
Skelern (3)	Wilson (4)	Pullen (3)	Gray (3)
		Woodhouse (4)	

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacements: Nil.
Goals: Cole (16m).
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 2,000 — Cautions: Oliver, Skelern.

Gary Cole scored the only goal of the game to end the season as the League's top scorer for the second year in a row.

The blond Socceroo front-runner has now scored 67 goals in five seasons of PSL soccer — by far the best goal grabbing record of the competition.

But he still has his knockers in Melbourne probably because he misses as many as he scores.

In this game he could easily have scored a hat-trick in the first half on chances created, but as his mentor Len McKenry always preaches, the important thing is to create the chances and a

percentage are bound to go in.

Cole settled the game as issue in the 16th minute scoring the only goal in a forgettable 90 minutes.

Jim Campbell set the goal up with a great overhead kick which hit the crossbar and rebounded to Cole in the middle of the goalmouth with an empty net gaping in front of him and Woodhouse stranded on the left side.

The goal must have been the simplest of the 16 he scored through the year.

Five minutes later

Cole had the chance to increase the score when he turned well under pressure after receiving a pass from Ken Taylor but his final shot was wide.

Then, seven minutes before halftime, the striker galloped away on his favorite ploy of through passes but had his first shot blocked by Woodhouse and he planned the rebound over the bar.

Leichhardt had a similar amount of goal-scoring chances in the opening 45 minutes and the culprit who missed them was Phil O'Connor.

Straight after Heidelberg's goal he broke through down the middle to face only Jeff Oliver but his chip sailed over both the keeper and the bar.

Oliver also came to Heidelberg's rescue spreading himself well to deny John Coyne after he had been put through by the hard working Tony Morsello.

The two teams slowed down to a walking pace after the break and about the only highlights were the talking to each coach got from referee Chris Bambridge over the comments they were making from the touchline.

— Paul Galea

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CANBERRA ARROWS v PRESTON RAMS

Canberra (4-3-3)

Cole (4)	Byrne (4)	Hoszowski (5)	M. O'Shea (3)	Moutsopoulos (3)
MacLaren (3)		J. O'Shea (3)	R. O'Shea (3)	
Brennan (3)		Gibson (3)	Purdie (4)	
	Brown (4)		Cullen (3)	
Ollerton (3)	Farrell (4)		Boyle (3)	Whittle (3)
Beech (3)	Petrovski (3)		McMillan (3)	Rainey (3)
	Wilson (4)			

Preston (4-4-2)

Replacements: Massa (39m) for Moutsopoulos; McIvor for Whittle (46m), Lucchesi (46m) for Ollerton.

Goal: 1-0 Gibson (10m).

Referee: J. Fearn (Vic.) — Cautions: Purdie, Brown, Boyle — Crowd: 3,000.

The last home match of the season proved to be one of the most pleasurable for spectators.

It provided skill and speed, the highlight being the expert goalkeeping of Steve Hoszowski and Richard Wilson.

These two keepers who only months before were vying for the No. 1 jersey in Canberra were on their mettle and gave fine displays of anticipation and tenacity.

It was Hoszowski, however, who kept his sheet clean and soaked up immense second half pressure from the Preston forwards to keep two points in Canberra.

The first half belonged to Canberra. The Arrows

EXPERT

fired early and Preston's Wilson was under constant pressure.

Ian Gibson was fouled in the 10th minute on the left wing some 35 metres from goal.

His looping freekick was destined for goal and Wilson who had advanced out of his line could only get his palm to the freekick.

Soon after Tony Brennan nodded a ball to John O'Shea whose fine header was just tipped over the bar by Wilson.

Preston seemed content to absorb the pressure and only made sporadic attacks in the first half.

competitive and highly entertaining.

Canberra, fifth in the League, can be well satisfied with the season.

George Murray deserves full praise for turning the Arrows into a team of championship potential from perpetual losers.

— Peter Kunz



SYDNEY CITY v ADELAIDE CITY 5-3 (3-2)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Mullen (4)	O'Connor (3)	Clarke (4)	Robertson (4)	Cant (3)
Spanos (3)		Souness (4)	Barnes (3)	
Watson (4)		Kosmina (3)	Boden (3)	
	Melta (4)		Mitchell (3)	
Signore (3)	Dods (4)		Marocchi (3)	J. Nyskohus (3)
B. Nyskohus (3)	Perin (3)		Jones (3)	Russell (4)
	Przybylski (2)			

Adeelaide City (4-4-2)

Replacements: Peressin (51m) for Przybylski, Lee (70m) for Spanos, Patikas (75m) for Boden, Rankin (75m) for Signore.

Goals: 1-0 Souness (1m), 1-1 Melta (4m), 1-2 Mitchell (6m), 2-2 Souness (pen, 7m), 3-2 Barnes (17m), 4-2 Mullen (50m), 4-3 Jones (pen, 56m), 5-3 Patikas (87m).

Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 2,106.

Four goals after seven minutes prompted one critic to say he hoped the final score would be 18-18.

While there were only eight goals, the attacking style of both sides and the reluctance of either team to give in, gave the celebrating Sydney City crowd something to savour until the new season.

Of course, the defences could be criticised, but in an open game such as this — with little hanging on the result except prestige — mistakes should not be so heavily blasted.

The Slickers scored almost from the kick-off when after less than 30 seconds Souness sent a first-time shot into the

In a match where only prestige was at stake, Marconi ended the season, — one certainly they would want to forget — on a higher note than expected by forcing a draw against South Melbourne.

It was not a great match as neither team went into top gear, yet both sides tried to get the maximum out of it.

The first half was Marconi's but again they muffed many chances and half chances that they could have turned to much better advantage.

South were never aggressive up front, but the deadly left foot of Steve Woodin did give Alan Maher a good test on a couple of occasions.

This was a forgettable game.

With no pressure on either team one could have expected an entertaining match with lots of goalmouth action.

But it was not to be.

Lions were a decimated side due to the absence of Hermitson and Bennett from the heart of the defence.

But even that sort of inducement couldn't tempt Blacktown, and they lined up with Rasmussen doing a policing job on Williamson, leaving Milovanovic and Pointer to look after Daunt.

Lions were a disjointed side to begin with and

ATTACKING

Adelaide net after a fine cross from Watson.

Three minutes later Souness was the 'villain' when he carelessly pushed back a ball to Clarke, presenting Melta with an easy chance to score.

Mitchell, who otherwise had a quite game, worked a great goal in the 8th minute to give Adelaide a short lived lead.

Barely a minute later Boden was brought down in the box and Souness scored his second goal to make it 2-2 after seven minutes.

In the 17th minute the Slickers went 3-2 up after

a bad call by Przybylski to his defence.

Kosmina's shot seemed certain to cross the line, but Barnes left nothing to chance and rammed it into the net with a powerhouse header.

Five minutes into the second half Mullen sent a dipping shot from the right back again.

Robertson committed a clumsy foul on Russell and Jones had no worries with his penalty to make it 4-3.

For the last 20 or so minutes, youth league teenagers Grant Lee and Jim Patikas replaced Spanos and Boden for

Sydney City and the pace of the game quickened.

With three minutes remaining Patikas got the fifth goal for the champions — and it was a gem of an effort.

After taking down the ball, he took a few steps before driving the ball high into the roof of the net.

Adelaide kept the Slickers on their toes and provided just as much excitement, though in the end the greater urgency of Sydney City resulted in them keeping their unbeaten home record intact.

— Joe Marton

MUFFED

Eddie Krnecovic who had one of his best games for some time came close in the 19th minute but his 20-metre shot was saved brilliantly by Peter Laumets.

Peter Sharne twice beat the Souths defence with his speed but in each case his aim was way off the target.

Jim Stevenson, also having a top game for Souths tested Maher in the 30th minute and was unlucky as his cannonball shot hit the crossbar and came back into play.

With the game evenly balanced, Souths' Steve Woodin beat the Marconi

defence in a tackle and in a flash sent Buljevic on to score with an angled 12-metre shot that Maher could never save.

After the interval Ian Hunter came in for Peter Sharne as a replacement and seemed to revitalise the Marconi front line.

Within a minute he laid a perfect pass for Krnecovic but the latter shot over the bar and four minutes later in an exchange of one-two with Hunter, Krnecovic hammered the equaliser home from six metres.

Hunter, within another minute nearly got the

winner for Marconi as he flashed past the defence but his shot was stopped by the left hand post and went over the line.

For the rest of the game, it was one big yawn as play slowed down and both teams were content to settle for a draw.

Jim Stevenson, Steve Blair and Vince Bannon were quite solid in the Souths backline and started many movements that could have produced goals.

For Marconi Eddie Krnecovic, Berti Mariani and Gary Byrne were at their best in a tired and listless team which could do well with the break ahead.

— Charles Spiteri

FORGETTABLE

struggled for cohesion.

Despite this, it took the visitors 30 minutes to score, and then it came through a basic error by McLean when he elected to pass a ball square across midfield, allowing Wheatley to intercept and send Turner through the backline to beat Lownds with a simple placement.

Strangely Lions began to settle after the goal and Williamson went very close with a shot after a cheeky run.

Wheatley was a disjointed side to begin with and

chance when he was right in front but screwed his shot metres wide.

After the break Lions exerted almost non-stop pressure on Blacktown but found James in great form.

The keeper was playing a sweeper's role as well, showing no hesitation in making charges out of his area to make timely clearances.

Using this, and their famous off-side tactic, Blacktown made it ex-

BRISBANE v BLACKTOWN 0-1 (0-1)

Brisbane Lions (4-3-3)

Wilson (3)	Niven (3)	Lownds (3)	Burns (3)	Ontong (3)
Hogg (2)		McLean (2)	Ferris (3)	
Low (2)	Daunt (3)		Williamson (3)	
Turner (3)		Burrows (3)		
O'Donnell (3)	Krstic (3)	Hormazabal (3)		
Rasmussen (3)	Pointer (3)	Milovanovic (3)	Wheatley (4)	James (5)
	Salvage (3)			

Blacktown (1-4-3-2)

Goal: 0-1 Turner (30m).

Referee: C. Amos — Crowd: 1,100 — Caution: Burrows.

tremely difficult for Lions to break through.

But James could have been deemed lucky five minutes from time when he palmed a Ferris header off the line only to see it rebound back and forth among Lions attackers and Demons defenders before being pushed to safety.

— Jim Binnie





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THE ROTHMANS NIGHT

MEDAL GOES TO 'SINNER' SAINT

St. George's sharp-shooting Dez Marton, winner of the 1981 Rothmans Medal, says he has never been sent off in his life by a referee.

"In all my years I have received one caution, years ago in Yugoslavia.

"I never back-chat to referees; that's the point.

"They won't change their mind no matter what I say.

"Here, of course, it would be more difficult because I can't speak English.

"But my friend Kanacki couldn't speak English either yet he never stopped protesting to the refs — god only knows in what language."

Marton was born in 1948 in Yugoslavia but he is what is called an "ethnic Hungarian."

"Both my parents are Hungarian. I was born in Belgrade but we left there when I was two.

"After that all my life I lived in the Vojvodina region which has some two million Hungarians."

"The Vojvodina was taken from Hungary after World War I at the Trianon Peace Treaty. Editor.

For most of his senior years in Yugoslavia, Marton played with three clubs: Novisad, Spartacus Subotica and Sever Subotica.

"I've always been among the goals," he recalls.

"I love scoring. I know this is what the fans want and it makes me happy when I see the ball in the net."

He has won minor awards before, in Yugoslavia — but the Rothmans Medal is his best yet.

"We don't have presentations like this one," he said, looking around the Menzies Ballroom.

"In fact, I have never seen anything like this before in my life in Yugoslavia."

Told that the medal may be worth a few thousand dollars because of its gold value, Marton stared down on his prize, hanging around his neck.

"I would never sell it," he said. "This is the best thing I've ever won in my life."

In about two weeks he is due to return to his native Subotica where he has a wife and three children.

"I hope to come back to St. George in 1982, this time with the family.

"I love this club and they have been good to me.

"That silly episode about my demands and suspension was really a misunderstanding.

"I hope to play for them for a few more seasons, if they want me."



Rivaling the dashing Waterhouse, referee Tim Davies runs a "book" on the outcome of the Rothmans award. By his own admission, only two people in the dining room picked the winner — and even those received their yellow card later.



Robert Page, NSW State Manager of Rothmans (left) congratulates Dez Marton on his win. In the centre NSW Minister for Sport, Ken Booth — no relation to his namesake of Marketing fame ...

YOUNG STAR KILLED

One chair at the Rothmans Player of the Year award last Monday night was empty.

It should have been occupied by Auburn's young central defender Wayne Bates, but Wayne died tragically on the morning of the awards killed in a head-on car crash on his way to work.

The normally jovial Auburn table was obviously affected by the stunning tragedy, and officials and players alike were more than a little upset that no official mention of Wayne's death was made at the awards.

Wayne, 17, joined Auburn two years ago after club president Ron Bowman and the then coach Vic Dalgleish travelled to Perth for the Under-15 national championships and returned with seven of the NSW squad, including Wayne.

Wayne played with Gladesville Juniors until he joined Auburn, and had represented New South Wales in every successive state side since he was 12.

This year Auburn's coach Ray Smirthwaite gradually blended him into the first team and he seemed headed for a long career with the club.

Club president Ron Bowman paid tribute to Wayne when he said he had a great attitude to the game.

"He was a tremendous kid, who really understood the meaning of the word application," Ron said.



Winner Dez Marton gets a bear-hug from his manager Frank Arok — clearly, all is forgiven and forgotten about their recent flare-up. Arok was Marton's coach in Novisad and brought him out this year to Sydney — which the player thanked his boss with 40 goals so far plus this prestige-boosting award victory.



Rothmans winner Dez Marton, displaying his golden medal and giving his almost shy victory salute last Monday night.

NSW FINAL:

FIRST GRADE FINAL

ST. GEORGE v MELITA 3-2

The "Man Who Never Was" led St. George into the Grand Final.

Dez Marton, 33, the smooth, cool ex-pro from Yugoslavia, was suspended "forever" a week earlier, for alleged financial demands on the club.

Then the "ever" was somewhat shortened.

Marton said his mea culpa to coach Frank Ark and to all his teammates, withdrew his demands, gained a prompt reprieve and regained his place in the team.

And when, in injury time, he scored the brilliant winner, he was chaired off the field looking more like a victorious Julius Caesar than a repentant sinner.

Ah, for the fortunes of war...

Melita started off the better, took the initiative and earned an early goal.

In the fourth minute Farrugia sped off on the right and his sharp low cross was swept home by Don Allen.

It took the Saints some 20 minutes to crawl their way back into the game and the man who engineered their comeback was midfielder Mark Barton.

Driven by some mysterious internal combustion, Barton picked up the whole midfield and carried it on his shoulders to the very end.

Gradually he found some excellent partners in Stone, Davies and Griffiths who, like puppets in a ballet, all came to life.

In the 21st minute Barton's sharp shot sailed inches wide and a minute later his pass found Walker whose shot was brilliantly saved by Greedy.

But the St. George siege continued.

In the 29th minute Stone brought up the ball, slipped it to Davies whose lob into the goalmouth fell for Marton — and it was 1-1.

Six minutes later Marton's left foot drive smacked against the crossbar.

In the 40th minute the Saints were in the lead.

Marton sliced in a delicate corner from the left and Rylands' diving header almost tore down the net.

It looked as though St. George would run away with the game; thank to their classy midfield, they were in supreme control.

But nine minutes after half-time came the twist.

Allen appeared to foul goalie Fraser who dropped the ball; the goalie seemed to impede Allen as he was groping to get his shot in — penalty.

This looked rather harsh; if anything, Allen had committed the first foul.

But Farrugia decided not to look a gift horse in the mouth and smashed home the penalty.

Now the match became a tense, bitter battle and Martinez was in the thick of some heated skirmishes.

The Saints were still in command but with Walker totally out of touch, they had few real chances.

Actually, Melita could have stolen the match in the 71st minute but Martinez, facing an almost unguarded goal, mis-kicked from six metres.

A few minutes later Martinez was clearly fouled near the left post — but this time the penalty was not given.

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Referee: G. Power — Crowd: 4,900 — Cautions: Davies, Martinez.

— A. Detre



An irate — and obviously chain-smoking — Melita fan jumps over the fence at last week's NSW Final. Officials later led him away.

THIRD GRADE FINAL SUTHERLAND v BANKSTOWN 1-0

Sutherland held its youngest ever third grade team with several of the boys being 16.

In the 60th minute Johnston headed a freekick against the crossbar and Clinch was there to relay the ball into the net with another header.

Sutherland could have gone into the lead after 15 seconds but the finishing at the end of a set-pattern move was poor.

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The Apia Under-16 team, Metropolitan and State champions. Top, from left: V. Zulo, M. Rossi, M. Mavawad, A. Morrison, D. Zucaro, E. Morson, G. Van Egmond, S. Mahoney. Bottom: Manager Bob Morrison, D. Moretti, M. Ivancic, T. Genovese, A. Svinos, M. Sestanovich, coach C. Van Blerk.



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Dunlop Marketing Manager Terry Seacy angrily denied rumors that he had been travelling with the Socceroos at ASF expenses.

"The malice of some people is amazing," he said this week.

"My company has paid every penny for my trips and I went as the Dunlop Footwear representative.

"On the last two trips with the team I helped the manager and coach where I could.

"Those who try to spread stupid rumors should in-

stead ask the question: why didn't other companies, even more heavily involved than us, send along a representative with the team?

"Or, for that matter, why didn't the newspapers?"

Seacy said Dunlop put on a lavish reception for the Socceroos in Hong Kong.

"They were taken for a sumptuous barbecue and all members of the party were just about outfitted with track suits, shorts, shirts and socks.

"Maybe that was a sinful thing to do, too..."

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By Paul James



THE BERRIES BREED ANOTHER CROP OF YOUNG TALENT

Canterbury manager Con Tzavellas claims his team has at least two youngsters developing into major stars.

They are Erkin Osman and Bill Vasilou, both 16, one of Turkish, the other of Greek background.

Vasilou skyrocketed this season from third to second grade and then to the first team.

Con says Osman is a natural talent, a born ball-player with superb skills.

"We are not really unhappy with our 1981 achievements," Con says.

"We had a largely young team where even one of the 'veterans,' defender John Karaspyros, is only 21.

"We have signed Angelo Tititis, 22, from the Athen club PAOK and he will be a great asset.

"Angelo played for the

Greek Youth team in 1979 at fullback. He is coming here to join his sister who lives in Sydney."

Con says Canterbury were not really hopeful of success in 1981.

"In 1980 we signed some eight new players of whom we lost four for this year.

"Then we had Craig Hall, a very expensive player, who was away for the best part of the 1981 season.

"It will be different in 1982 when some of our own juniors will mature."

John Barboutis, the former Pan Hellenic star, is likely to remain the coach of the Berries.

However, there will be some major changes in the club policies.

"In the past we did some pretty silly things with contracts," Con says.

"We paid high transfer

fees and signing on fees — then agreed to clauses which would release the same players for peanuts.

"Take Neil Williams, for example, who can leave us, if he wanted to, for \$1,000.

"We will be a lot more careful in the future with these contracts."

Canterbury is unlikely to buy new players for 1982.

"We have a very young and very talented squad and that should gel in 1982.

"Even Chris Thamnidis is still young though he has years of top soccer behind him.

"And whether people smile about this or not, I rate him as the greatest wing talent in Sydney who would fetch five million drachmas in Greece."

Con Tzavellas himself is not a run of the mill

club official — he is a certified 'soccer nut.'

His marvellous sports store on Anzac Parade, just past the Uni of NSW, is festooned with posters and magazine pictures of dozens of great teams and players.

He played in Greece and in Sydney and when he is not attending to customers, he talks, eats and drinks soccer — the drink being his famous Turkish coffee permanently brewing in his office.

Some of his players drop in — Karaspyros from his nearby coffee shop and others — and the talk is soccer: who, how, why, when and where somebody scored, played a great game or will become a great player.

Canterbury are lucky to have a man of his passion at the helm.



St. George midfielder Mark Barton in action at last week's Final against Melita.

Croatia ready for new battle

Croatia have undoubtedly accomplished what they set out to do this year: win the State league title.

But the club feels they have done more than that.

Club president Tony Topic said he felt the club had shown that entertaining soccer can win titles and bring in the crowds.

"Our only target at the start of the season was to win the State League title," he said.

"We put all our resources into building a side that was capable of doing that.

"Whatever our coach Domagoj Kapitanovic wanted, we tried to get," he said.

Tony said he felt Domagoj was perhaps one of the most underrated coaches in the country.

"Everyone knows who the coach of St. George is, even the coach of middle order teams and even the bottom sides.

"But our coach has remained a slightly anonymous figure.

"I think too many people believe that he just had to select the side and they would run on the field and win the games.

"Admittedly we have some fine players, but it takes a good coach to weld a side together so that it can go through a season undefeated.

"We had to have tactics and plans — we didn't just play off the cuff," he said.

"But Domagoj didn't drill the spontaneity out of the team.

"He knows what the players can do by themselves if they are allowed, and all he did was provide a tactical format to work within.

"He also knew that the fans wanted attacking

soccer, and I think it is shown by our crowd figures this year that our supporters enjoyed the style of the side," Tony said.

Tony said he was pleased that the second grade side had also won its championship.

"It shows that our club is at last getting a depth of talent.

"We have some exciting players for the future who were developed by the Club.

"I also think it is pleasing to find players like Marijan and Alex Kovacic, Bobby Pagano, Bruno Vidaic and Steve Watson in the first team.

"They have been with us for a number of years and have developed the character of the side, despite their relative youth," he said.

Tony said he was delighted to meet St. George in the Grand Final.

"I think everyone is pleased that the two sides will play each other in the last game of the season.

"All our encounters throughout the year were close, hard fought matches that always provided plenty of entertainment.

"I can't see either side adopting a defensive attitude and I expect plenty of goals," he said.

Tony said he doubted if Croatia would have a complacent attitude towards the match.

"Domagoj isn't about to let the side lose the Grand Final.

"It would be silly to win the title undefeated and then allow a single loss deny you the Grand Final.

"Although we consider the premiership to be of greater value, the Grand Final has a special significance.

"It is a 'cup' style competition and cup finals are always highly emotional affairs.

"We have already beaten St. George twice this year and we'd like to make it three times to prove who is the best side once and for all.

"If they win, then we'll be all square, and then I suppose we'll just have to continue the argument next season," he said.

CARS TO WIN ON SUNDAY

A NSW State League player and a lucky spectator will both win a Holden Gemini at Sunday's Grand Final.

The spectator will have to do nothing more than hold the lucky ticket.

The player will be the one who has amassed the highest number of points during the season, awarded by the coaches.

These are the players in the running for the prize from the various clubs:

Auburn: J. McDonald.

The winner will be announced at halftime by NSW Federation President Karl Rodny.



The Canterbury squad, 1981. Top, from left: John Barboutis (coach), Alex McPherson, Mick Gill, John Karaspyros, Jim Basterfield, Ross Brown, George Bozganas, Luis Pseftoconomou, Max Barton, John Lane. — Bottom: Greg Brown, Al Zein, Chris Thamnidis, Neil Williams, Glen Laws, Erkin Osman. Missing from picture: John Petas, Jim Binos, Craig Hall, Bill Vasilou.

MOVE TO COUNTRY IS ADVOCATED

Riverwood's secretary Eric Smith has revealed that he will stand for election to the New South Wales Federation's Executive in November.

Eric is one of the new breed of young, energetic club officials who have felt frustrated in the past but now who want to get things done to improve the standing of the code within the state.

With a background in football administration stretching back some 15 years through all levels of the code, Eric seems the perfect man for a spot on the executive.

After arriving in Australia at the age of 14

from his native England he started playing with Cumberland United — now Auburn — under the guidance of the famous Len Quested.

He said he was one of what he said was "a small, but growing group" of frustrated soccer administrators, who feel the game is stagnating.

"I feel there have to be changes in the present set up," Eric said.

"The major one is that all soccer must be brought under the control of the NSW Federation.

"That means the amateurs, church soccer, referees, coaches, indoor soccer and juniors.

"There has to be control over the game by the body responsible for the state."

"It's no good the various groups competing with each other, because they create an atmosphere where soccer ends up tearing itself apart," he said.

Eric said one of the main objectives he will fight for if he gets onto the Executive is the creation of a Super State League.

"We must get country areas and other metropolitan centres involved.

"When you realise that after all these years we have only one team — Inter Monaro — in the State League from outside the Sydney area, it reflects poorly on past administrations," he said.

"Then the code will boom even further than it already has," Eric added.

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Avala: M. Samuels. Bankstown: W. Lachowicz.

Canterbury: R. Brown. Croatia: P. Hensman. Monaro: R. Noble. Manly: S. Reagan. Melita: J. Stoddart. North Sydney: W. Lill. Parramatta: Glen Fairclough. Polonia: Z. Kalinowski. Riverwood: A. Tracey. St. George: D. Marton. Sutherland: N. Groome.

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WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

ENGLISH CLUBS FACE LOGO WAR WITH TV

English TV will be soon forced to accept advertising slogans on the players' shirts — or screen only inferior games.

The sponsorship epidemic — almost all by Japanese companies — has spread fast to England.

Arsenal were the last to sign a deal with JVC — for a cool \$800,000 over three years.

Others involved are Liverpool (Hitachi), Middlesbrough (Datsun), Nottingham (Panasonic), Stoke (Ricoh) and Ipswich (Pioneer).

Ipswich collect \$750,000 for three years — plus a lucrative tour of Japan in 1982.

Arsenal, for a long time, resisted the temptation largely through the promptings of chairman Denis Hill-Wood.

"God knows I wanted to avoid the invasion of sponsors, thinking that we would lose our identity."

"But now I realise this was silly; the sponsors want exposure and we need their money."

Ipswich will use the

new funds for the extension of their grandstand by 5,000 new seats — increasing the club's potential gate takings by \$750,000 a season.

But British TV is adamant, for the time being, they will not show on their programs any teams with logos on their shirts.

Unless clubs share their income with TV, of course...

The aggressive and enterprising Japanese companies have made heavy inroads in other European countries, too.

In Germany they have signed up Stuttgart (Canon), Monchengladbach (Datsun) and FC

Köln (Pioneer).

In France they have Nice (JVC) and Bastia (Hitachi).

The other Europeans, like the Dutch, Belgians and Italians, have left their doors open in case the Japanese do arrive with their bags of yen; there won't be much resistance at all.

'82 WORLD CUP

England's shock defeat to Norway, Holland's surprise draw at home and Yugoslavia's dashing win in Copenhagen, all last week, have changed somewhat the outlooks in some of the European World Cup groups.

These were the results:

Norway v England 2-1.
Belgium v France 2-0.
Holland v Ireland 2-2.
Denmark v Yugoslavia 1-2.

Scotland v Sweden 2-0.

However, the situation is still somewhat confused in most groups and none of the teams can be certain of reaching Spain.

These are now the standings and programs for the groups in question:

Group 1:
Belgium 1 1 12 6 11
Ireland 3 2 2 14 9 8
Holland 3 1 2 8 5 7
France 3 1 2 12 5 8
Cyprus — 7 4 25

Games to come: Holland v Belgium and Ireland v France (Oct. 14), France v Holland (Nov. 18), France v Cyprus (Dec. 5).

Belgium are almost certainly through, even if they lose their remaining match while Holland are out unless they beat France in Paris. The key could be the Ireland v France match in Dublin and the second spot could be decided on goal difference which gives France a chance.

Group 2:
Wales 4 1 1 10 2 8
Czechos. 4 — 1 13 2 8
USSR 2 1 — 7 1 5
Iceland 1 — 4 5 18 2
Turkey — 5 1 13 —

Games to come: USSR v Turkey and Iceland v Czechos. (Sep. 23), Turkey v USSR (Oct. 7), Wales v Iceland (Oct. 14), USSR v Wales (Nov. 18), Czechos. v USSR (Nov. 30).

For Wales to qualify, they will need a draw in Moscow unless the Czechs trip up somewhere along the road, in Iceland (not likely) or in Prague against the USSR. Any of these three can still qualify but now the odds slightly favor Czechoslovakia and the USSR.

Group 3:
England 3 1 3 12 8 7
Romania 2 2 1 4 3 6
Norway 2 2 3 7 11 6
Hungary 2 1 1 6 8 5
Switzer. 1 2 2 7 8 4

Games to come: Romania v Hungary (Sep. 23), Romania v Switzer. (Oct. 10), Hungary v Switzer. (Oct. 14), Hungary v Norway (Oct. 31), Switzer. v Romania (Nov. 11), England v Hungary (Nov. 18).

England's possible maximum of 9 pts may be enough if they beat Hungary and if the Hungarians don't collect a point in Bucharest on top of their expected two home wins — or if the Rumanians drop three points to Hungary and Switzerland (away). Actually, the key match is Rumania v. Hungary. If England and either Eastern Bloc team finished up on equal 9 pts, England's superior goal difference may still get them through.

Group 4:
Yugoslav. 4 — 1 14 5 8
Italy 4 — 1 9 3 8
Denmark 3 — 4 11 9 6
Greece 3 — 2 6 7 6
Luxemb. — 6 1 17 —

Games to come: Greece v Denmark (Oct. 14), Yugoslavia v Italy (Oct. 17), Italy v Greece (Nov. 14), Yugoslavia v Luxemb. (Nov. 21), Greece v Yugoslavia (Nov. 29), Italy v Luxemb. (Dec. 12).

Yugoslavia and Italy are through — unless

the Greeks can pull off some major upsets, such as beating them both — Italy in Rome, for example.

Group 5:
Scotland 4 2 — 8 2 10
N. Ireland 2 2 2 5 3 8
Sweden 2 2 3 5 7 8
Portugal 2 1 2 4 4 5
Israel — 3 3 2 8 5

Games to come: Portugal v Sweden and N. Ireland v Scotland (Oct. 14), Israel v Portugal (Oct. 28), N. Ireland v Israel and Portugal v Scotland (Oct. 18).

Scotland are hailed as having qualified — but they have two very tough matches away. Portugal's schedule looks fairly easy and they could collect a maximum 6 pts. The Scots need to draw in Belfast or Lisbon to make sure. Northern Ireland could overhaul the Scots on points and goal difference — and Portugal could actually win the group. The key match is Nth Ireland v Scotland.

Former Fulham coach Bobby Campbell is in Hong Kong, negotiating for a contract with the Bulova team.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

• Hungary won the "Orange Cup" held in Spain, by beating Valencia 3-2 in the final.

• Brazil and Chile played a 0-0 draw in a friendly in Santiago.

• Cosmos star Giorgio Chinaglia has retired and will accept a post in the technical administration of the New York club.

• The English Football League has found a wealthy sponsor — Pepsi Cola, paying \$250,000 a year.

• Juventus president Boniperti is suggesting that all Italian clubs should be able to field three foreigners, not only two.

• Ally McLeod, the fallen Scotland manager, has been sacked by his club Motherwell with the job going to ex-Celtic player David Hay.

• If Franz Beckenbauer is forced to retire because of his injury, Hamburg will collect \$380,000 in insurance.

• At the start of the English League season recently, there were 223 professional players unable to find a club.

• Southampton have sold \$1,600,000 worth of season tickets — the highest figure in English soccer.

• The sportswear manufacturing company Ariston have signed a three-year sponsorship deal with Juventus of Italy — for \$600,000.

• Former AC Milan international Pierino Prati, 35, has abandoned the pro ranks and plays for the amateur club Bizzarone, near the Swiss border.

• Cups, trophies and medals worth about \$350,000 were stolen for Inter Milan's clubhouse — together with about \$2,000 in cash.

• Playing a 0-0 draw with Uruguay in Lima, Peru have now reached the World Cup finals — and Uruguay, winners of this year's Mundialito (in Montevideo), have ordered an investigation into their team's failure.

• Brazilian champions Gremio put on a brilliant display in New York, beating Cosmos 3-1 in front of 30,000 fans.

• Zaire is the winner of the Central African Cup, staged for the second time.

• The manager of Switzerland, Paul Wolfisberg, is also the coach of the first division club Aarau.

• Jeremy Charles, one of the bright young strikers of Swansea, is the nephew of former great John Charles.

• Rumania beat the Yugoslav Vojvodina 7-1 in a friendly match.

• The Rumanian World Cup squad for the Sept. 23 match against Hungary: Ioardache, Christian, Moraru, Negru, Ungureanu, Stefanescu, Munteanu, Sames, Nicolae, Solomon, Ticleanu, Beldeanu, Stoica, Iordanescu, Klein, Crisan, Camataru, Balaci, Solman, Cimpeanu, Talar.

• West Germany beat Poland 2-0 in Chorzow, with goals by Fisher and Rummennigge. The Germans played without six of their regulars: Stielike, Schuster, Hrubesch, K. H. Forster, Dietz and Allofs.

• Argentina's victorious Spanish tour came to a halt in the last match when they lost 1-0 to Barcelona whose winning goal came from the little Dane, Simonsen.

• The Swedish Oesters Vaxjoe has lost a 27-month long unbeaten home record when they went down 1-2 to Malmo.

GUTTMAN DIES

One of the most celebrated and successful coaches of Europe, Beila Guttman died last week in Vienna at the age of 82.

Guttman, born in Hungary, played for MTK and the national team in 1921 to 1924, then later for Hakoah Vienna.

His first big coaching success came with the Hungarian Ujpest, winning the title and also the Mitropa Cup in 1939.

After the war he led Ujpest to further national championships, before moving abroad.

In 1961 and 1962 he won the European Champions' Cup with Benfica of Lisbon.

In 1974, for a few months, he was technical director of the Austrian national team — at the age of 75.

BAVERN SCANDAL

Bayern Munchen's match against Dynamo Tbilisi, for third place in the Bernabeu Cup in Madrid, ended in a minor scandal.

The Cup was won by Real Madrid, beating the Dutch AZ Alkmaar on penalties after a 0-0 fulltime.

The Spanish FA threatened to suspend all clubs which had owed their players any money by September 1. A total of 68 clubs were involved, with a debt of \$3 million. First division Almeria were leading the parade with a \$500,000 commitment.

First Rümmenigge, then Breitner were sent off for dissent by the

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